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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." T.E. Brown

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NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH AWARDS PROPOSED TO INCREASE MANX AWARENESS

A program of Manx North American Youth Awards to promote cultural interest in the Isle of Man among North American young people has been proposed to the North American Manx Association by the Isle of Man's Department of Education.

The NAMA Board of Directors is considering a plan for administering such a program, NAMA President Jack Cormode said, and welcomes the opportunity to cooperate with the DOE in such an undertaking..

The Department of Education proposed that the awards be presented in such separate categories of music, writing, and dance, Carmode said, but initially NAMA will focus on selecting one young person who has exhibited "Manxness" through one such cultural undertaking.

Simplifying the process when we undertake the program for the first time will provide a greater probability of success, Cormode said.

The DOE proposed that awards be presented biennially at the time of the NAMA conventions. It is hoped that the inaugural presentation can be made at the NAMA 2002 convention next July in Lanark, Illinois.

Those eligible for the awards would be any North American youth under the age of 18 with Manx descendant not mandatory and nominated by a local (North American) society or a NAMA member. Content

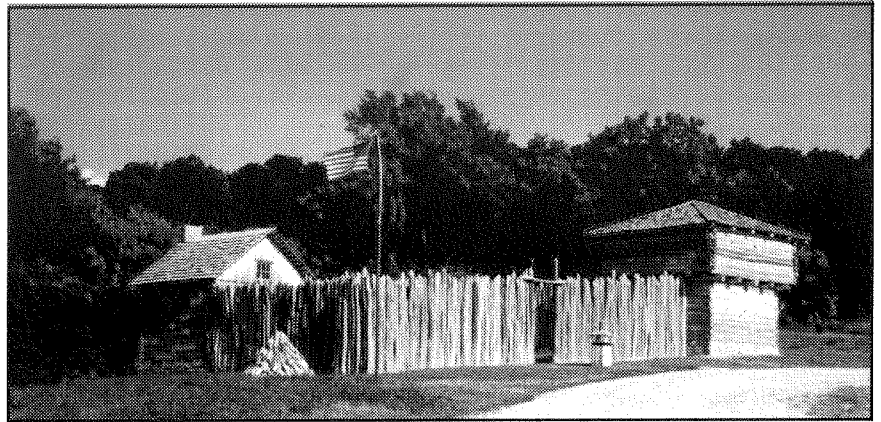
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TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLANS

The 2002 NAMA Convention

July 19-22, 2002

Lanark, Illinois



Stars and stripes fly at the frontier stockade to be seen on one of the Convention 2002 tours in July.

(Convention Chairman Norman Standish and his committee have arranged a full slate of interesting events for the 2002 NAMA gathering, as he describes here.)

On Friday, July 19, 2002 the NAMA Board will meet at the Heritage Center in Lanark for its business meeting at 1 PM. At 4:00 PM a reception and barbeque will be held at the Standish House in that town. The early pioneers who ventured into this area of Illinois enjoyed square dancing, and we will have a caller/teacher, so bring your dancing boots! A second later section will be Celtic dances led and taught by a representative from the Moline Celtic Society. This is your chance to introduce any dances that you may be skilled at and want to share with other guests. Even if you just enjoy watching the action the evening can be a lot of fun and a chance to meet many of the other members of the North American Manx Association. If you ask, we might provide tours of Standish House, a living museum of early American History.

On Saturday we'll have the special tours described in previous NAMA bulletins.

On Sunday, we plan to enjoy a bus ride to Galva, Illinois. There were many Manx miners who came to this area to work in the coal mines. The Galva Manx Society is an energetic group and plans to entertain our convention with a picnic in the city park. Although Sunday morning will be free, we plan to depart by bus at 1:00

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from the Heritage Center in Lanark. On the way to Galva we hope to arrange a side trip to Aleto, Illinois to make a short stop to see a dress. For more than 389 years the gown the bride of Myles Standish wore on her wedding day on the Isle of Man has been handed down from generation to generation, eldest daughter to eldest daughter, but the line of decent was broken and the richly brocaded dress has become the most treasured possession of the Mercer County Historical Society. Mrs. Gertrude (Robb) Zimmer had no children and donated the dress in 1974 to the museum in Aleto. It had been passed down through the Standish family to Delano, to Chandler families, to Robb families and ended up in Mnmouth, Illinois. Originally the museum was two rooms in a schoolhouse, but has recently been expanded. Chandlers still live in Aleto and the community of Chandlerlerville is just south of Aleto. Material samples analyzed by The Smithsonian and Kansas State University indicate that the dress could be from that period of time. However, we depend on folklore for the original history of the dress. While in Galva, we will learn how Manx men contributed to the development of the Illinois coal industry. We will have a special souvenir for each person attending the convention that was a direct result of the development of the Illinois coal industry.

The Chandler family was early settlers in Mercer County, Illinois. Originally they settled in Ohio founding Chandlersville, Ohio. However, following the Revolutionary War the government was paying soldiers in land in the Western Reserve, and when two soldiers drew the same land section they would sometimes shoot it out at the site to see who won the land. Mr. Chandler felt it was getting too crowded and wanted to move to the new territory in Illinois. But Mrs. Chandler said she wouldn't go unless they had a glass window in their cabin. They carried a glass window in a wagon to Illinois, the first glass window in Mercer County.

Across the Mississippi River in Oxford Junction, Iowa was where my Great Grandfather, Samuel Standish, settled to work on the railroad as a blacksmith. He was trained as a blacksmith in shipbuilding and left the Standish ship building yards in Warren, Massachusetts to seek his fortune on the frontier. For many years the Standish family in Warren had built and owned clipper ships and sailed around the world. My Grandfather, John Standish, worked as a conductor on this railroad; my father, Fred Standish, S a signalman on this railroad; and I, Norman Standish, worked on this railroad – the Milwaukee Railroad – when I was in school. The Phillips, family settled about 30 miles from my Great Grandfather. They were also descendents of Myles Standish. The Phillips brothers went to Oklahoma during the oil rush to make their fortune and founded Phillips Petroleum Company. They made it.

Many significant contributions to the development of America were made by the descendents of the first Manx man, Myles Standish, and we hope that you leave the NAMA Convention with a better appreciation of these contributions. Watch for the next issue of the NAMA bulletin to learn more about the history you will be able to enjoy at Convention 2002.

Because of the full schedule of events for the 2002 NAMA gathering, current plans are for the convention meeting and dinner to be held on Monday, July 22 in the Masonic Temple in Freeport, Illinois, a neighboring community to Lanark.

Information on hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts in Freeport and other communities close to Lanark can be found on pages 8 -9.

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**Executive Board Meeting Report**

The Executive Board met in Lanark, Illinois on June 30, 2001 with 12 members present, plus Shirley and Russell Kelly of the Galva Manx Society. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved. As of June 30, 2001 NAMAS had a balance of \$42,506.91. A financial report of the convention was not available.

The question of what to do with requests received to donate to worthy causes was discussed. It was decided that a small write-up should be put in the NAMA bulletin so members and/or local societies could donate if they wish. NAMA would not send any donations.

A continuing problem is keeping and increasing our membership. At present the count is about 710. Many local society members do not join NAMA. The discussion brought out many ideas: a personal touch is needed, such as calls to local societies, mailings to people with Manx names as gleaned from phone books; a simplified enrollment form; making the Bulletin more interesting to members; asking new and old members to refer other Manx who might be interested in joining; offer a two-for-one discount. Lawrence Skelly suggested that we appeal to the Manx on the Isle of Man, especially sending Manx news to the IOM newspapers. You can send the news articles to him, and he will contact the newspapers.

Each year NAMA awards medallions to Manx students. Rev. Devore Craine Smith had written about the Isle of Man government offering a reciprocal award to American students of Manx descent. We are not sure how it would be handled. We should ask other heritage groups how they do it.

Sally Dahlquist gave the Trustee's report. Most items have been accounted for, but one set of NAMA bulletins is missing, and we do not have a complete set of convention photos or souvenir booklets. An appeal for these items should be put in the NAMA bulletin. The suggestion was made that we have some sort of carrying case for mailing artifacts to the conventions. Sally will have some recommendations on this for the next meeting.

We are still looking for a place to store all NAMA items. Most libraries and museums do not let them out once items have been accepted in their collections. The University of St. Thomas in St. Paul only accepts paper-based materials in its Special Celtic Collection.

Most of the afternoon was spent discussing plans for the NAMA convention in Lanark in July 2002. The area is rich in history and two tours are planned to explore these sites. Many of the activities being considered would interest both youngsters and adults. It sounds like a good convention for families to attend. Accommodations will have to be made in nearby towns. It was suggested that attendees book early and that the convention plan some transportation between outlying hotels/motels and Lanark.



Members of the NAMA Board relax after their meeting earlier this year at the Standish House in Lanark, IL, site of the 2002 Convention. Left to right for the photographer Don Quayle are: Sally Dahlquist, Norman and Joan Gill, Ingrid Standish, Lawrence Skelly, Vonn (Mrs. Don) Quayle, Bradley Prendergast and Norman Standish, Convention Chairman.

President's Message

As I sit here writing the President's Message, it is two months since the tragedies of September 11, 2001. This is Veteran's Day (or Remembrance Day in Canada and on the Isle of Man), a time for commemorating and giving thanks to those who made the greatest sacrifice for the rest of us.

But this day has more meaning this time because we have recently lost so many in such a terrible way. It did not matter if a person was an American or not, in uniform or not. It did not matter what religious beliefs they held. If they were at the place and time when tragedy struck they were a victim.

This is a long lead in to report that the Manx people and the Canadians are still offering Americans moral and material support. They have not allowed questions and issues about terrorism or international politics or anything else to distract them from providing America with the comfort that it needs at this time.

Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will read about fund raising and Remembrance Day activities on the Isle of Man. These stories are based on articles from the Manx media.

But there was also news about what the Canadians are doing for America. Listening to National Public Radio (founded by former NAMA President Don Quayle), I heard a report from the Canadian broadcasting Company about a Canadian senator who organized a special weekend in New York City. The purpose was to support New York City by being tourists for a few days. As it turns out, there were at least 600,000 Canadian-born people living in New York City, making it the fifth or sixth largest community of Canadians. What is important is that the Canadian people are searching for ways to quietly show their support for their neighbors to the south.

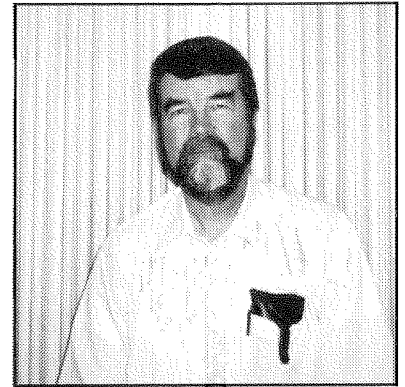
This time of trial is serving to strengthen the bonds that hold us together. We in the North American Manx Association have a unique view and feeling of how the nations of this world are tied closer together than ever. We already have an appreciation of our heritage, but I believe that we can now see how that heritage makes us what we are.

The Manx people are charitable, caring, resolute and fair. I think that these characteristics have been our inheritance and make us what we are.

As the holiday season opens and the Old Year comes to an end, let us again appreciate what we have been given.

Nollick Ghennal as Blien Vie Noa.

-Jack Cormode



President Jack Cormode

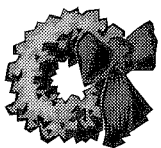
HELP ON GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

A friend of Noreen Cottier, Roger Christian, has offered to handle genealogical queries that previously might have been directed to Noreen.

He says he "can pass them to the Peel Library in anticipation that someone may be able to assist and reply. The Family History Society lists Roger as its "Strays" officer.

He can be reached by e-mail at home:

atsa@manx.net or by mail at Roger Christian, "Croit-y-Keel", Port Grenaugh, Isle of Man, IM4 1HF, British Isles



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM NOREEN COTTIER

Dear NAMA Friends: I am unable to continue as the Regional Representative for the NAMA members in the Isle of Man due to health problems this year. However, Lavena Skelly has agreed to take on my duties for the future. My best wishes for Christmas and 2002 to all NAMA friends from the Isle of Man members.
Thanks - Noreen

(As many members know, Noreen Cottier has been for many years the publications officer of the Isle of Man Family History Society and a good friend to NAMA.)

New World Manx Association Treasurer

After 30 plus years of service to the World Manx Association Miss Doris Lawson has retired as Treasurer. Besides keeping accounts impeccably straight, she helped with a variety of WMA operations and was always a very good friend to NAMA. We wish her well and extend best wishes to Doreen Halsall who has been selected by WMA President Iris Christian to fill the post.

Queensland Elections

In Australia the Queensland Manx Society recently elected officers with these results: President: Margaret Witherington; Vice-President: Mrs. Pat Riddal; Secretary: Val Ashworth; and Treasurer: John Corlett.

President Witherington can be contacted at: **mann**

ause@iprimus.com.au and

Val Ashworth at **aashworth@northnet.com.au**.

Science and the Standish Genealogy

The Society of Mayflower Descendents is working with Oxford University to use DNA analysis to better define concentrations of Standish descendants in England and the US, Norman Standish reports. To do this direct male lines descended from Myles Standish must be clearly defined as donors or DNA samples. From these samples the study will determine the "Y" factors that is passed through the male line. The Mayflower group is paying for his study, Mr. Standish says, but anyone interested in taking part can obtain an analysis for \$100 US. Donors to the study will receive a report on areas of descendent concentration. Those interested in taking part in the study can contact Norman Standish.

Isle of Man News Day-by-Day

For NAMA members wishing to feel like they are living right on the island, the internet offers ready access to daily reports on the nitty-gritty of what's happening in Douglas, Peel, Ramsey and points between. At **www.iomonline.com.im** you can read about such developments as a new hospital is taking shape in Douglas, the outcome of House of Keys elections, a movie starring Helena Bonham Carter to be shot on the Isle, how reports of anthrax in a government building were wrong, the Department of Education plans classes in Manx Gaelic for young children, and how the Marx and Spencer store in Douglas has gone through a face lifting. At **www.manxradio.com** you can not only find news but also hear readings of familiar material in Manx, and so learn pronunciations. Both sources welcome news from NAMA societies at their web addresses.

Isle of Man Space Connections

A former student at St. Ninian's high School, Jennifer Stone, found a previously unknown Lunar Magnetic Anomaly while working with NASA at its Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston. Her studies were supported by a fellowship grant from the Onchan-based company, ManSat. Jennifer will be studying astrophysics at St. Andrews University this year. Another student, Alison Crelin from Ballakermeen High School spent three weeks at NASA's International Space School courtesy of ManSat. She was the winner from among IOM sixth formers' essay competition organized by the Department of Education and ManSat. And finally, special space-themed IOM stamps issued in January 2001 were aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery. The stamps on a limited-edition cover commemorated Arthur C. Clarke's "2001 - A Space Odyssey."

Conversations with the Editor's Manx Cat

My tailless cat Knob has been showing a lot of interest in the NAMA bulletin, for I've have spent more time than usual at the computer, where he likes to snuggle with the humming processing unit.

And as people who keep cats know, most felines are persistent talkers, seldom without a comment or a question. Based on eight years of mutual talk, I've figured out what Knob's been asking and tried to settle his curious Manx mind.

Yes, Knob, editing the bulletin is fun: meeting lots of friendly folk over the internet and learning more and more about NAMA.

Yes, I'm sure that some of the NAMA members have Manx cats, too.

No, I didn't put those typos in my first issue to see who was paying attention. You remember, cat, that my eyes were acting up after cataract surgery. That's why I kept stepping on you.

Yes, I hope that readers will send us suggestions about what they want to see in the bulletin.

No, I don't think your mother is on the Isle of Man. Probably in Oregon, where we found you.

And **yes**, I'll tell everyone that you say "Nollick Chennal".

- Bruce Quayle

*Happy Holidays
and
Best Wishes for
a
Wonderful
New Year*

Society News

CHICAGO MANX

The Chicago Manx Society held its last meeting on August 5th at the home of Dorothy Gawne in Niles, with 15 people in attendance. We had a very enjoyable potluck dinner and then had a good time visiting. We made plans to exhibit once again at the 5th Annual Chicago Celtic fest, which was scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 15, and 16. Most of the members attending had made plans to help man the booth both days, but on Thursday we were notified by the Mayor's office that the Fest had been canceled because due to the terrorist attacks on September 11 there would be no police security available. We hope to exhibit again next year.

Our next meeting will be held on December 2, when we will celebrate the Holiday Season with our Manx fiends at the home of Lee and Candy Gawne in Sugar Grove, IL. We will again begin with a potluck supper, followed by our meeting and a program relating to the Isle of Man. - Robert Kelly, President

CLEVELAND MANX

The 150th anniversary tea was a huge success with many attending. It was very warm day in September, but that didn't stop people from coming. Geoff Corkish, a former Cleveland medal winner happened to be in Canada with a choral group, but he flew in for the tea and presented an Alexander Knox pewter clock and brass plaque on behalf of the Isle of Man government. The clock has been placed at the Westlake Historical Society (sometimes called the Claque House), which is a repository for many Manx items from the greater Cleveland Manx. The plaque will be mounted and displayed at our meetings.



Members and friends of the Cleveland Manx Society gather to observe the 150th Anniversary of the group.

In October we met at the old Tavern in Unionville. It was a stop on the Underground Railroad, so the owner told us the history, and some went down to view the tunnels, the entrances of which had been evacuated.

A small diner, but with a private section, was the scene of our November meeting. We actually managed to have a business meeting, the first in several months.

Our Christmas party will be at the Holiday Inn on December 2, and a friend of the Duncans will give a talk about Queen Victoria.

We will not meet in January or February to avoid bad weather, but will meet again in March. However we would like to know of any Manx traveling through our area and welcome them to our meetings.

May all of you have a very Merry Christmas and may 2002 be a truly Happy New Year - Mona Haldeman

MINNESOTA MANX

On August 18 11 Minnesota Manx, Joyce Benjamin and Mary Kelly from Wisconsin, and Ed McLean from Illinois met at the lovely home of Norm and Joan Gill near Webster. Wisconsin. Snacks and beverages

were served as people arrived, with time to visit and look around the home. Joan provided a buffet lunch with calico beans, cold cuts salad and fruits.

Co-presidents Jim Anderson and Sally Dahlquist presided at the business meeting. LaJean Anderson presented the program. She reviewed the book *The Woman of Knockaloe* by Hall Caine, a popular Manx author in the early 1900s. The setting for this novel is the Isle of Man during World War I. A romance between a farm girl and one of the German POWs interned on the island develops. Joan gave a few anecdotes about the author. Two Manx door prizes were given. We ended the afternoon singing "Happy Birthday" to LaJean, who would celebrate her 85th birthdays the following week.

On November 3 the Manx Society of Minnesota met at the Anoka home of Molly. Mary and Jon Caine - a lovely home filled with interesting antiques and Manx memorabilia overlooking the Mississippi River. It was a warm, sunny fall day - so warm that we enjoyed a scrumptious potluck meal on the patio. Some of the seventeen members present had shopped at Antiques on Main owned by the

Caines, prior to the meeting. Co-presidents Sally Dahlquist and Jim Anderson conducted the business meeting, also on the patio. LaJean Anderson suggested that members give a society membership to their grandchildren as Christmas gifts. Reading the newsletter will help interest them in their Manx heritage. Next year there will probably be three meetings, the fourth being the NAMA convention in Lanark, IL from July 19 to 22. Tentative plans include an early spring meeting in Rochester, Manx Summer Olympics at Gull Lake and a fall meeting to be decided.

A special award was given to LaJean Anderson in recognition of her report at the last meeting – a metal sign advertising her favorite beverage, purchased at Antiques on Main,

The program was a sharing of our favorite Manx items or stories. They include several photos. Some family history and stories, stamps, etc. There was a drawing for four door prizes – two Manx books, a three legs pin and Manx stamps. - Joan Gill

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MANX

The Northern California Manx will be having a festive holiday gathering at the California Mission-style home of Kim Parker and her husband, Pete Herrera, on Sunday December 2. Their home is nestled in the foothills of Santa Clara Valley. It has been a while since we met in the San Francisco Bay area. This will be a good time to reflect on how much family and friends mean to us. Nolllick Ghennal as Blein Vie Noa – Jack Cormode

ONTARIO MANX

The Ontario Manx had their Fall Meeting Sunday October 28 at the home of Carol Christian with 18 in attendance. After the business meeting we enjoyed a light lunch and did some catching up. The Ontario Manx would like to wish you all a very merry festive season and a healthy and peaceful “2002”. Phyllis Busche, Secretary.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MANX

The Rocky Mountain Manx Society had a potluck dinner on October 21 at the Arvada United Methodist Church. The program was given by Val and Jim Whan (Hull) who spent the past summer on the Isle of Man. They showed photos and other pictures of scenes from the Isle. Afterward pictures of the society group were taken in preparation for a pictorial directory. The group in closing sang a Manx blessing. Jim Corlett is President of the Society and Albert Scarffe is program chairman.

Two members of our group, Rev. Carol and Douglas Fox are now on their way to the Isle of Man when Rev. Carol is to serve as Minister of the Peel and Douglas circuit of the Methodist Church, as reported in the September NAMA bulletin. - Albert Scarffe, reporter.

SAN DIEGO MANX

The San Diego Manx held their October meeting at the home of Marge Frederick. Gill and Ernie Hughes were co-hosts. Twenty members attended.

We enjoyed having as guests Judy Caine of Dana Point, California, Al McCloud and Ellis and Edith Minner. Fenella Speece introduced her parents, Jean and Jim White, who were on vacation in San Diego from London. Jean, originally from Bride, Isle of Man, is a former member of the Wrens (The Women's Royal Naval Service).

Ruth Smith shared news from society members Malcolm and Joyce Kinley, who now make their home in Boise, Idaho.

Bob Wright of the San Diego Maritime Museum talked about the fine exhibit of miniature model ships on display on the Star of India.

Bob and Millie Kermeen shared with members the highlights of their recent vacation in Germany, where they spent most of their time in Hamburg. They were very impressed with the excellent high school education their grandson received and commented on the very demanding graduation requirements.

Hilary Harrison, just back from a trip home to the Isle of Man kept everyone abreast of happenings on the island. Hilary had on display a dozen or so photographs of the west coast, including Peel castle, Niarbyl and a picture of the first school

that she attended. Hilary also visited with former San Diego residents and society members Laurence and Jackie Skelly. Devore Smith reported on upcoming events of the Celtic Society of San Diego. The society's new web site is www.celticsociety.org/.

- George Watterson, Secretary.

WISCONSIN MANX

Our Wisconsin Manx Society has wonderful library. It consists of books, magazines, copied articles, 70 Isle of Man Family History Society volumes, videos, cassettes and even a puzzle of a Manx cottage. Some of the items are new, and some are quite old. They have been donated, loaned by our members or purchased by the society.

One of our latest and nicest additions is a collection of (original or copied) NAMA bulletins. The earliest is dated 1929. Our president, Joyce Benjamin, organized the bulletins before sending them to be bound into seven hard cover volumes. A collection of ten year's issues is in each volume.

The WMS library collection includes approximately three-fourths of the publications of the Isle of Man Family History Society. We are always in search of missing issues. Continued support our lending library helps to make our Society one of the most unique of all the Manx societies. We continue to work on making our library collection one of the most complete, too.

Librarian Norma Callin Bircher (with her husband John) transports the material to each meeting so that members can check out whatever interests them. Norma asks that the books be returned at the next meeting or mailed directly to her home. Unlike public libraries, no one is fined if books are not returned until a later meeting. Norma Says, “Remember our library is there for you.” - Joyce Benjamin

NAMA CONVENTION 2002

Hotel/Motel/B&B Accommodations

Time to make reservations. July is a busy time of the year and hotels/motels can fill up early. Following are accommodation possibilities with the distance to convention headquarters at Lanark in parenthesis.

LANARK:

Standish House Bed and Breakfast
540 West Carroll Street
Lanark, IL 61046
800 468-2307
Walking distance to Heritage Center

LAKE CARROLL: (4 miles)

Trailside Inn
21-78 Lake Carroll Blvd.
Lake Carroll, IL 61046
815-493-8484
Free continental breakfast

Hickory Hills Lodging, Inc.
24366 Payne Road
Lake Carroll, IL 61046
815-864-2099
Cottages/suites

MOUNT CARROLL (7 miles)

Country Palmer House
17035 Elizabeth Road
Mount Carroll, IL 61053
815-244-2343
Farm setting/full breakfast

Prairie Path Guest House
1002 North Lowden Road
Mount Carroll, IL 61053
815-244-3462
Edge of town/hearty breakfast

FORRESTON (14 miles)

Evergreen Farm Inn
10003 West Coffman Road
Forreston, IL 61030
815-938-2198
Farmhouse

MOUNT MORRIS (20 miles)

White Pines Inn
6712 West Pines Road
Mount Morris, IL 61054
815-946-3817
State park/cabins/big breakfast

SAVANNA (18 miles)

Super 8 Motel
101 Valley View Drive
Savanna, IL 61074
800-800-8000

Granny O'Neil's River Inn
31 Third Street
Savanna, IL 61074
888-274-4726
Homelike/near downtown

The Nest at Palisades
1740 North Fifth Street
Savanna, IL 61074
815-273-7824
Secluded cabins/Jacuzzi

FREEPORT (24 miles)

AmeriHost Inn & Suites
1060 N. IL Hgway 26
Freeport, IL 61032
815-599-8510

Holiday Inn Express
1551 Sleszier Homes Road
Freeport, IL 61032
800-Holiday or 815-232-4455

Country Inn & Suite
1710 South Dirck Drive
Freeport, IL 61032
815-233-3300

Super 8 Motel
1649 Willard Drive
Freeport, IL 61032
800-800-8000

Ramada Inn
1300 East South Street
Freeport, IL 61032
815-297-9700

Stephenson Hotel
109 South Galena Avenue
Freeport, IL 61032
888-320-7820
www.stevensonhotel.com
Remodeled old hotel/walking distance to dinner site.

MORRISON (30 miles)
Hillendale Bed and Breakfast
600 West Lincolnway
Morrison, IL 61270
815-772-3454
Elegant Victorian mansion reflecting owners' travels

OREGON (30 miles)
Pinehill Bed and Breakfast
400 Mix Street
Oregon, IL 610661
815-732-2067
Italianate country villa
Teas and chocolate parties

Colonial Rose Inn
8230 South Green Street
Grand Detour, IL 61021
815-652-4422
Historic town just south of Oregon/ Outstanding dining

CAMP GROUNDS

Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park
8552 North Lake Road
Lena, IL 61048
815-369-4282
http://dnr.state.il.us

Lena KOA
10982 West Highway
Lena, IL 61048 *
888-LenaKOA

Emerald Lakes Campground
3351 South Mill Grove Road
Pearl City, IL 61062
815-443-2550

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

1. Norman Standish – 800-468-2307
2. Blackhawk Convention Bureau – 800-678-2108

Mentioning the NAMA Convention may help on rates



OUR MANX FRIENDS CONTINUE PRAYERFUL THOUGHTS FOR US

The events of September 11 in this country continue in the thoughts and prayers of the people on the Isle of Man.

On the Isle's Remembrance Day on Sunday, November 11 the church service in St. Thomas's Church, Douglas was more significant and poignant according to the Archdeacon, the Venerable Brian Partington. Following the service there was a laying of wreaths at the war memorial on the promenade.

There was also a National Service of Remembrance organized by the Royal British Legion at St. John's Church.

Also in mid November a fund raising car wash was conducted in Douglas to send funds for the victims of the World Trade Center attack.

SHOWING THE MANX COLORS

In the interests of encouraging use of Manx symbols, we pass along the following "classified ad" from Joan Gill:

"For sale: a wool pleated wrap-around kilt type skirt and wool lined vest of the Manx national tartan made at the Laxey woolen mill, plus a matching light-weight wool pullover sweater. All size 8 and in good condition. Also a navy sweater with a row of red three-legged symbols across the chest and along the bottom of the sweater, machine knitted on the Isle of Man. Small. I have outgrown them, but want them to go to a Manx person. Make an offer." Joan Gill's address is on page 2.

Space permitting, we may consider publishing similar notices.

Obituary Notice

Zella Cannell McHugh

Zella Cannell McHugh died in California at age 104 on August 30, 2001, according to word from her cousin Jane Corlett Feick, who believes that "Zella may well have been a member of the Cleveland group years ago, maybe before it was legally formed." She lived in Lakewood, OH until after World War II. Ms. Frick writes that "her spirit of being Manx has spread across our nation and lives on with an extended Cannell cousin network. Born and brought up in the Manx community of Newburg (Cleveland) Ohio, especially the late John and Jane Quiggan Cannell clan, she never willingly lost touch with any of the many cousins. She had enthusiasm for life, activity, communications and family ties. She lifted Mannanon's Cloa, just as the current generation must continue to do. This is the way to honor a rare yet typically Manx woman."

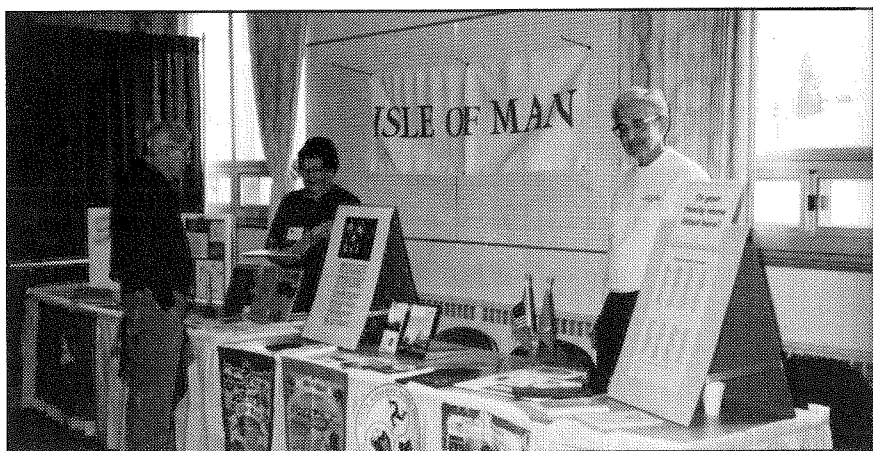
NAMA Group Presents Manx Exhibit At North Dakota Celtic Fest

The Isle of Man and NAMA were strongly represented at the First Annual Celtic Fest held in Minot, North Dakota on September 15, 2001. With an exhibit of many Manx materials, stories about the isle and answers to a range of questions from attendees, a quintet of NAMA members made many new friends for the association and the Manx heritage.

The delegation consisted of Mary Kelly and her husband Frank Evans, Joan and Norman Gill, and Joyce Benjamin. Joyce is in her second term as president of the Wisconsin Manx Society and has family living in North Dakota.

With the event coming close after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, Mary Kelly says "People seemed relieved to have some place to share feelings and recollect with others having Celtic roots. There were many events that stirred the Celtic blood in our veins and warmed our hearts. We were proud to see our Manx flag on display in the color guard that opened the event."

At the NAMA exhibit there were questions about Manx cats, the motorcycle races, and the location of the island. Many were pleased to hear about a democratic form of government that had survived for a millennium and continues to exist.



Manx Artist On the Web

Another artist of Manx scenes has checked in to report that his paintings and prints can now be viewed "on line". Ralph

Courtie's website at **WWW.**

ralphcourtie.com allows you to see and order.

YOUTH AWARDS -

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material would have some Manx origin or clear connection

The reaction of members to this proposal is solicited by the Board and should be directed to President Cormode. The help of volunteers interested in developing such an award program is solicited, especially from teachers experienced in working with young people. Much of the work will be done by internet in the interests of time.

Storyteller Joan Gill had a special gathering for children and their guests, and then at a larger session in the main hall she captivated people of all ages.

The fest hosts expressed gratitude for NAMA's participation and issued an invitation for the next fest, which was enthusiastically accepted by the quintet.

"We all felt closer for having come together to celebrate our heritage and remind ourselves that one week of shocking news could not erase so many wonderful memories," Mary Kelly said of the event.

A visitor to the Isle of Man exhibit at the Minot, ND Celtic fest is greeted by Joyce Benjamin and Frank Evans.

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

The North American Manx Association (NAMA) was organized in 1928 to bring together those who have Manx Ancestry and an interest in the Isle of Man. The membership is spread throughout the United States, Canada, the Isle of Man and other overseas locations.

To keep members informed of Manx activities both here and on the Isle of Man, a Bulletin is issued quarterly. A convention is held every other year and homecoming trips are available periodically. Local Manx Societies have been formed in a number of areas by NAMA members and others of Manx ancestry. Information will be provided on the location of these societies along with a convenient source of Manx books and video tapes.

NAMA Member Enrollment (2001 & 2002)

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Annual	\$20.00	\$30.00	_____
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Chaplain's Corner

One of the purposes of the North American Manx Association is to preserve "whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage" (T.E. Brown). Our heritage includes rich traditions, stories, songs, symbols, and history. I have distinct memories of my grandfather John Caley Craine talking to me at the age of ten and also on visits as a college freshman at his home in Princeville, Illinois of his life in Sulby, Isle of Man. He further articulated his early life and trip at age 21 by steamship to America in a biographical sketch he wrote down and which we treasure today.

We parents and grandparents have a rich privilege and need to pass on this heritage and our "traditions" to the young. Tevia in 'Fiddler on the Roof' sang movingly of "Tradition! Tradition!" that makes Judaism a living and vital religion and people after 4000 years. Tevia was referring to the practice of the Jews to live by the "Shemah": "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is One Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

For our Manx tradition to so survive we must commit ourselves to such a discipline in our families. We must review, remind, sing and recite of our rich Manx history and heritage to our families, relatives and children. Such a result profoundly moving to me was to have 24 of my Manx relatives and family make the pilgrimage to the Isle of Man for the 2000 Convention.

Encourage each other and share with each other the cultural elements of Manx life: the arts, the music, symbols and stories of our people. Convene with fellow Manxmen in your societies and extend your Celtic heritage with area-wide Celtic festivals. In this way you will enrich, expand and sustain your own experience of the Manx "Tradition!" and help pass on our rich heritage.

- Devore Crain Smith



TIME TO PAY YOUR NAMA DUES

Dues for the year 2002 are now payable, Treasurer Helen Drom reminds us. Unless you are already a Life Member (which is not a bad idea), it is time to get out your checkbook. A renewal form is included with this issue.

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